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THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATOMIC SCIENTIST WENT BERSERK WITH THE TERRIBLE SECRET OF THE WORLD'S DESTRUCTION! THE TOUCH OF HIS FINGER COULD DESTROY EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH WHO REFUSED HIM HOMAGE? TO DEFEAT HIM AND SAVE HUMANITY, THE BLACKHAWKS HAD TO TURN BACK TO THE DAWN OF AVIATION TO FACE THE MENACE OF...

GARG THE DESTROYER

STAND BACK, MEN!
I CAN DESTROY THE
BLACKHAWKS IN AN
INSTANT WITH ONE
BLAST OF THIS SUPER
ATOMIC BEAM!

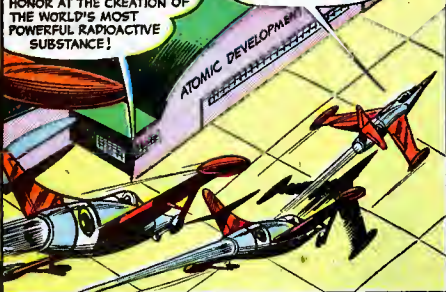
KEEP DROPPING
THAT LEAD-CLAY
DUST, HENDRICK-
SON! IT ACTS
AS A SHIELD
AGAINST HIS
ATOMIC BEAM!



THE ATOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER THE HEART OF THE FREE
WORLD'S ATOMIC RESEARCH....

LAND FAST, GANG! WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE GUESTS OF
HONOR AT THE CREATION OF
THE WORLD'S MOST
POWERFUL RADIOACTIVE
SUBSTANCE!

JAWOHL, BLACKHAWK!
UND ALREADY WE ARE
FIVE MINUTES LATE!



MOMENTS LATER....

SORRY, BLACKHAWK, BUT
WITH THE STUFF THEY'RE
COOKING INSIDE, WE CAN'T
TAKE A CHANCE ON A
PHONY GETTING
THROUGH!

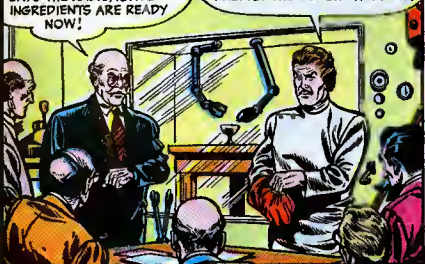
AND QUITE RIGHT!
THE WORLD'S SECURITY
AND FUTURE DEPENDS
UPON YOUR VIGIL-
ANCE HERE!



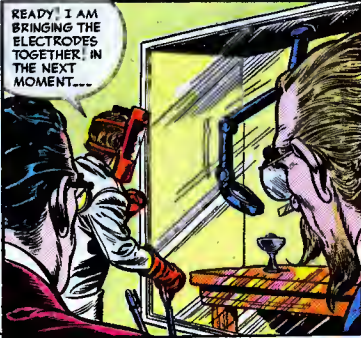
AT THAT MOMENT, INSIDE THE GREAT LABORATORY....

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE
BLACKHAWKS! DR. GARGAN
SAYS THE RADIOACTIVE
INGREDIENTS ARE READY
NOW!

BETTER STAND BACK! WHEN THE
REACTION STARTS, NO ONE CAN
PREDICT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!



READY! I AM
BRINGING THE
ELECTRODES
TOGETHER! IN
THE NEXT
MOMENT....



SOMETHING'S
HAPPENED IN
THE LABORATORY!
OPEN THOSE
DOORS FAST!

SORRY, BLACKHAWK,
BUT THEY CAN'T BE
OPENED, EXCEPT
BY SOMEONE IN
THAT LABORATORY!



OOOO!
WHAT
HAPPENED?

THE BLACKHAWKS
ARE HERE! WILL YOU
RELEASE THE DOORS
FOR THEM?



WHAT HAPPENED TO ME? THAT ATOMIC EXPLOSION DID SOMETHING! I FEEL COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! I WANT WEALTH... POWER...



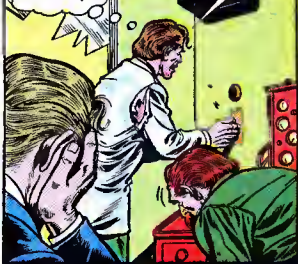
AND HERE IT IS! THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH! IT'S MINE, AND NOBODY CAN STAND AGAINST ME!



DR. GARGAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THE BLACKHAWKS ARE WAITING TO GET IN! WILL YOU UNLOCK THE GATES WITH YOUR SWITCH?

THERE'S NO LIMIT TO WHAT I CAN DO WITH THE MOST POWERFUL ATOMIC FORCE ON EARTH! NO MORE WORKING TO HELP HUMANITY FOR ME!

SEND THE BLACKHAWKS IN! LET THEM LOOK AT THE NEW RULER OF THE WORLD!



WITH THE FORCES UNLEASHED HERE THIS MORNING, ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN! WATCH OUT FOR TROUBLE, GANG!



HOLY WOE, IS BIG MESS!

DR. GARGAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DR. GARGAN DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE! MEET GARG, THE DESTROYER, GENTLEMEN! BUT DON'T COME A STEP CLOSER, I WARN YOU!



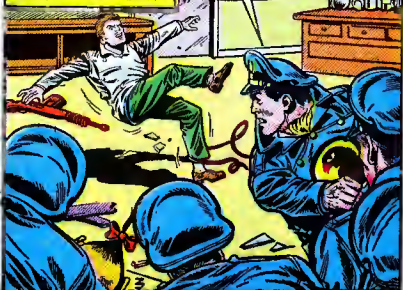
I CAN DESTROY ALL MATTER BY PROJECTING THIS ATOMIC FORCE! NOW I'LL LET THE WORLD WORK FOR ME FOR A CHANGE!

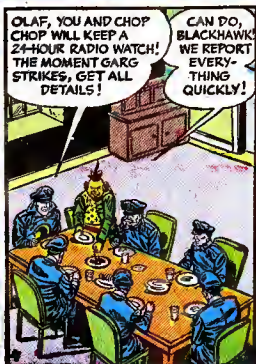
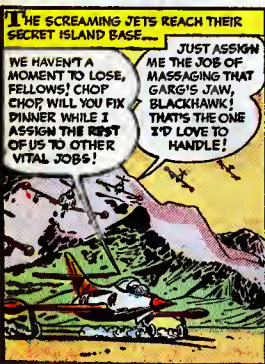
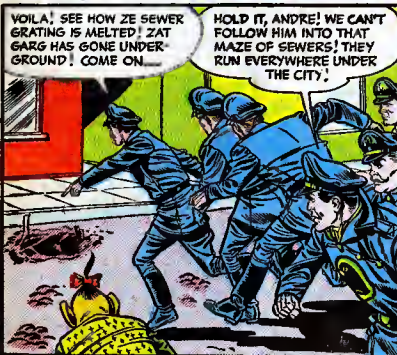
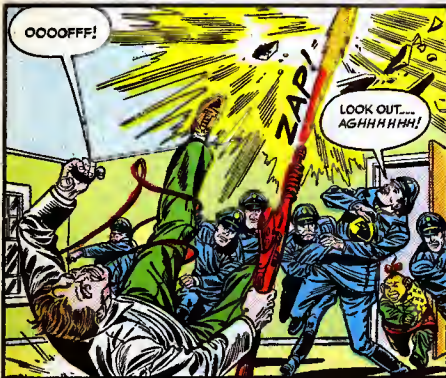
THAT ATOMIC BLAST HAS WARPED YOUR JUDGMENT, DOCTOR! YOU CREATED THAT SUBSTANCE TO HELP HUMANITY, NOT DESTROY IT!



BLACKHAWK HOOKS HIS FOOT INTO HEAVY CABLE ON THE FLOOR JERKING GARG OFF HIS FEET!

GRAB THAT PROJECTOR... BUT LOOK OUT!



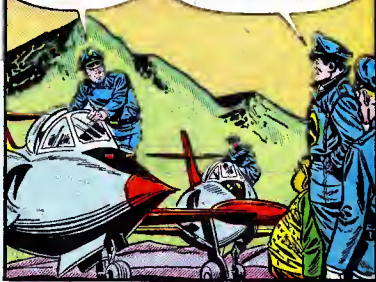
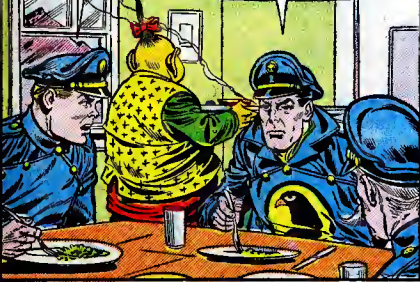


FACING GARG WILL BE SUICIDE! THAT ATOMIC BEAM DESTROYS ANY SUBSTANCE!

NOT QUITE, CHUCK! IT DIDN'T HARM THE LEAD-CLAY CUP IT WAS PREPARED IN! YOU AND STANISLAUS ARE TO BRING BACK ALL OF THAT LEAD-CLAY YOU CAN LOCATE!

WE'LL COVER THE WORLD, BLACKHAWK! IF WE FIND ENOUGH LEAD-CLAY TO MAKE SHIELDS WE STAND A CHANCE!

RIGHT! MEANWHILE WE'LL WORK ON A SUPER-GEIGER DETECTOR, THAT WILL HELP US LOCATE GARG'S SECRET HIDEOUT BY RADIATIONS FROM HIS PROJECTOR!



AFTER TWO DAYS OF RELENTLESS, DRIVING EFFORT...

HERE'S ALL THE LEAD-CLAY AVAILABLE, BUT IT'S IN POWDER FORM! IT CAN ONLY BE SHAPED IN A POWERFUL PRESS!

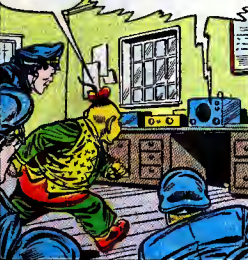
WE'VE BEEN BUILDING ONE WHILE YOU WERE GONE, CHUCK! IT'S ALMOST READY!

YIIII! COME QUICK!



GARG AND BIG NASTY GANG DESTROYING CITY OF BENCOR!

BLACKHAWKS! HELP! GARG AND HIS ARMY ARE LOOTING AND DESTROYING! BUILDINGS ARE FALLING! WE HAVE NO DEFENSE!



NO TIME FOR SCIENCE, NOW! WE MUST STOP GARG AND RECAPTURE THAT ATOMIC MATTER AT ANY COST! BENCOR IS ONLY A PREVIEW OF WHAT HE CAN DO TO THE WORLD!



AT THAT MOMENT, HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD IN BENCOR...

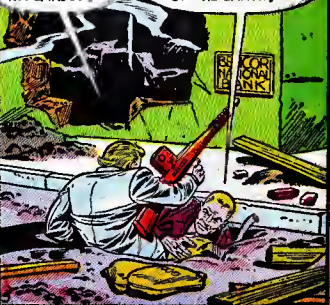
GARG, WE GOTTA SCRAM FAST! THE BLACKHAWKS ARE ON THE WAY RIGHT NOW! I COULDN'T GET TO THE RADIO IN TIME TO STOP IT!

GRAB THE LOOT AND CLEAR OUT! I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THEM UNTIL I'VE SHOWN THE WORLD HOW HELPLESS THEY ARE!



HURRY IT UP! FOLLOW ESCAPE PATTERN #1 AS REHEARSED!

GOTCHA, GARG! MAN, I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL I'M FIRST ASSISTANT EMPEROR OF THE EARTH!





ALL ACCOUNTED FOR! NOW, LET BLACKHAWK FIND THE ESCAPE TUNNEL I BLASTED WITH MY ATOMIC BEAM... IF HE CAN!

WITH TUNNELS TO EVERY BIG CITY, HE'LL GO NUTS TRYING TO FIND YOUR HEAD-QUARTERS, GARG. YOU'RE A GENIUS.



A SHORT TIME LATER...
THEY WENT DOWN THE SEWER, BLACKHAWK, WITH ALL THE GOLD FROM OUR BANKS AND THE NATIONAL TREASURY! OUR COUNTRY'S BANKRUPT!

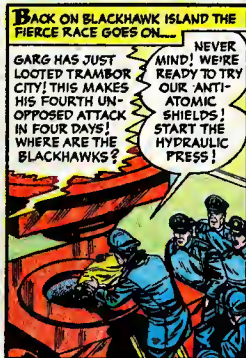
WE'LL GET HIM EVENTUALLY, BUT I HAVE A FEELING HE'S OUTWITTED US FOR NOW!



AFTER HOURS OF HUNTING THROUGH THE DISMAL SEWERS...

IT'S NO USE, MEN! HE'S USED ATOMIC ENERGY TO CUT HIS WAY OUT UNDERGROUND! IF WE HAD WEEKS TO SEARCH, WE MIGHT FIND HIS TUNNEL!

ACH, JA! BUT IN WEEKS DOT MONKEY-FACE VILL BE FINISHED LOOTING DER WÖRLD!



BACK ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND THE FIERCE RACE GOES ON...

GARG HAS JUST LOOTED TRAAMBOR CITY! THIS MAKES HIS FOURTH ANTI-OPPOSED ATTACK IN FOUR DAYS! WHERE ARE THE BLACKHAWKS?

NEVER MIND! WE'RE READY TO TRY OUR ANTI-ATOMIC SHIELDS! START THE HYDRAULIC PRESS!



THIS IS GARG! WHERE ARE YOU, BLACKHAWKS? ARE YOU AFRAID TO FACE ME? I DON'T BLAME YOU!

MAXIMUM PRESSURE! OPEN THE PRESS AND LET'S SEE IF WE SUCCEEDED!



SAPRIST! BEATEN AGAIN! ZE LEAD-CLAY CRUMBLES WHEN WE TRY TO MAKE ANYTHING BIGGER THAN ZE SMALL LABORATORY CUT!

THEN WE MUST ABANDON THE IDEA OF MAKING BODY SHIELDS! WE'VE TRIED A DOZEN WAYS, AND THE CLAY SIMPLY WON'T HOLD SHAPE!



THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO THE BLACKHAWKS! WITHIN 48 HOURS, I AM DESTROYING LONDON, PARIS AND ROME! STOP ME IF YOU CAN!

ACH DU LIEBER! NOW HE TAKES OVER DER WÖRLD, UND VE HAVE NO DEFENSE! VE DON'T EVEN KNOW WERE GARG'S SECRET HEAD-QUARTERS ARE!

THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN! MY DETECTOR IS COMPLETED! WE CAN LOCATE GARG'S HEAD-QUARTERS, ANYHOW! SHALL WE FORGET BODY SHIELDS AND ATTACK?

YUMPIN' YIMINY! I SAY YES! WE CAN BETTER OFF TO DIE TRYING THAN LIVE IN FAILURE!



FINE! THEN I'VE GOT A PLAN! GET ME 1,500 YARDS OF PONGEE SILK AND WE CAN STILL DEFEAT GARG...WITH LUCK!



IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE HITTING ON ALL CYLINDERS, BLACKHAWK! I'LL GET THE SILK MYSELF!



MEANWHILE, IN AN ANCIENT CASTLE IN CENTRAL EUROPE'S MOUNTAINS...

NOT A SOUND IN THE DETECTORS, GARG! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'VE EVER FIND YOUR HIPEOUT?

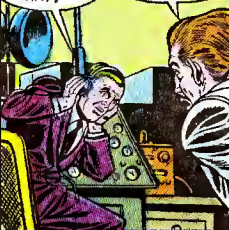
BECAUSE HE'S A CLEVER ADVERSARY! AND HE'LL FIGURE OUT A DETECTOR THAT WILL TRACE THE RADIATIONS FROM MY ATOMIC ELEMENT! KEEP ON LISTENING!



HOURS LATER...

EEEEOW! I HEAR PLANES, GARG! IT SOUNDS LIKE A SQUADRON OF JETS HEADED RIGHT THIS WAY!

I TOLD YOU THE BLACK-HAWKS WOULD FIND ME! NOW I'M READY TO DESTROY THEM AND TAKE OVER THE WORLD!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

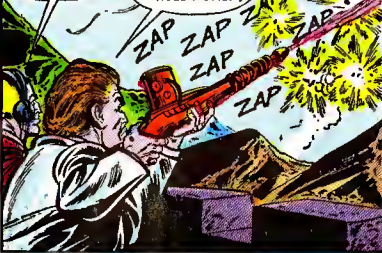
HERE THEY COME... AND IT IS THE BLACK-HAWKS! I'D KNOW THEIR PLANES ANYWHERE!

MY PRO-JECTOR IS READY! NOW WATCH THEM DIE!



ALL SIX BLACKHAWK PLANES WENT... JUST LIKE THAT! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY!

...THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX! ALL THE BLACK-HAWKS ARE DESTROYED! NOW WILL YOU STOP WORRYING! I CONTROL THE WHOLE WORLD!

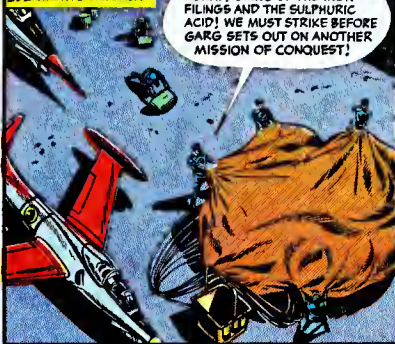


BUT THE LIFE-AND-DEATH GAME IS NOT QUITE SO EASILY WON

I WAS RIGHT, GANG! HIS ATOMIC RAY DESTROYED THOSE OLD JETS WE SENT ON AHEAD UNDER RADIO CONTROL! NOW HE'LL RELAX, THINKING THE BLACKHAWKS ARE DEAD! LAND AS PLANNED!



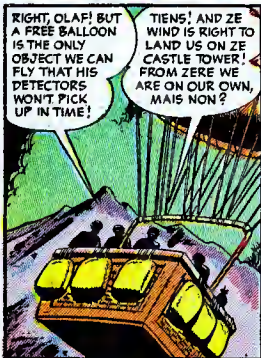
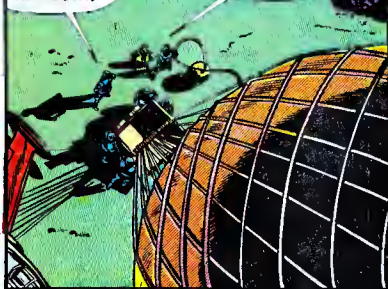
MOMENTS LATER...



HURRY! BRING UP THE IRON FILINGS AND THE SULPHURIC ACID! WE MUST STRIKE BEFORE GARG SETS OUT ON ANOTHER MISSION OF CONQUEST!

ALMOST ENOUGH! THE SULPHURIC ACID ON IRON FILINGS IS FILLING THE BAG WITH HYDROGEN!

DAS SURE BAN ONE CRAZY WAY FOR BLACKHAWKS TO FLY! FROM JET PLANES TO BALLOON!



RIGHT, OLAF! BUT A FREE BALLOON IS THE ONLY OBJECT WE CAN FLY THAT HIS DETECTORS WON'T PICK UP IN TIME!

TIENS! AND ZE WIND IS RIGHT TO LAND US ON ZE CASTLE TOWER! FROM ZERE WE ARE ON OUR OWN, MAIS NON?



MEANWHILE...

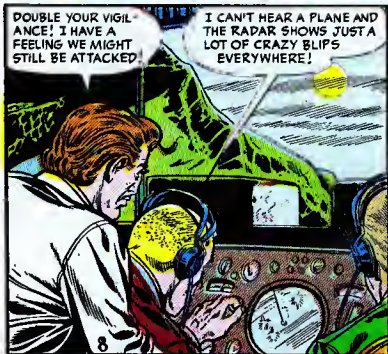
WHAT'S WRONG, GARG? YOU OUGHTA QUIT PACING AND WORRYING, NOW THAT YOU'VE DESTROYED THE BLACKHAWKS!

BUT THAT'S JUST IT! I'M NOT CERTAIN I HAVE! THEY'RE MUCH TOO CLEVER TO BE SO EASILY DESTROYED!



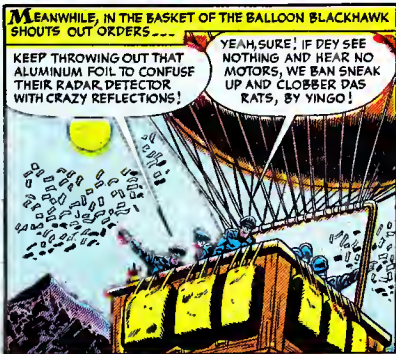
MAYBE THEY SENT RADIO CONTROLLED DRONE PLANES AHEAD, JUST TO SEE IF I'D WIPE THEM OUT! IN THAT CASE, THEY'RE STILL PLANNING AN ATTACK!

LET 'EM! WE'VE GOT A HUNDRED FIGHTERS HERE AND YOU'VE GOT THE BEAM THAT'LL WIPE THEM OUT AT A TOUCH!



DOUBLE YOUR VIGILANCE! I HAVE A FEELING WE MIGHT STILL BE ATTACKED!

I CAN'T HEAR A PLANE AND THE RADAR SHOWS JUST A LOT OF CRAZY BLIPS EVERYWHERE!



MEANWHILE, IN THE BASKET OF THE BALLOON BLACKHAWK SHOUTS OUT ORDERS...

KEEP THROWING OUT THAT ALUMINUM FOIL TO CONFUSE THEIR RADAR DETECTOR WITH CRAZY REFLECTIONS!

YEAH, SURE! IF DEY SEE NOTHING AND HEAR NO MOTORS, WE BAN SNEAK UP AND CLOBBER DAS RATS, BY YINGO!

BUT WILL IT BE THAT EASY?

I CAN'T SHAKE OFF THE FEELING THAT WE'RE DUE FOR TROUBLE! GIVE ME THOSE NIGHT GLASSES!

I THINK YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, BUT HERE THEY ARE!



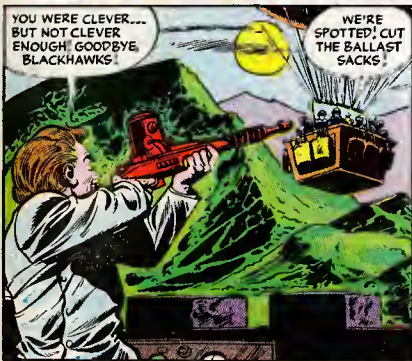
I WAS RIGHT! THEY'VE COME IN A BALLOON TO FOOL THE DETECTORS! NOW WE'LL REALLY WATCH THEM DIE!

THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN WEAR THAT YOUR RAY CAN'T DESTROY!

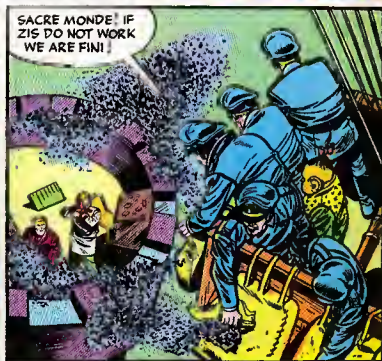


YOU WERE CLEVER... BUT NOT CLEVER ENOUGH! GOODBYE, BLACKHAWKS!

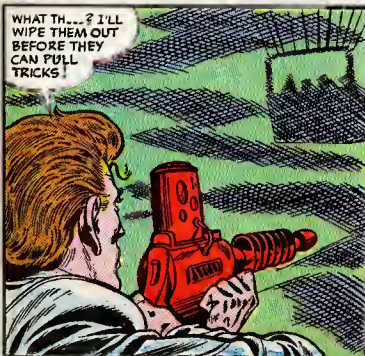
WE'RE SPOTTED! CUT THE BALLAST SACKS!



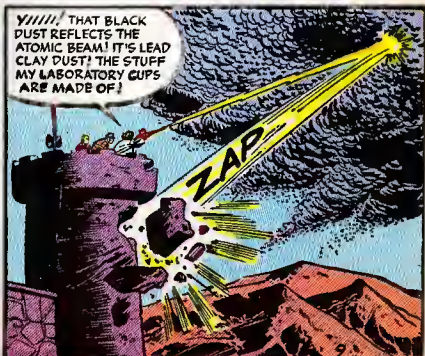
SACRE MONDE! IF ZIS DO NOT WORK WE ARE FINI!

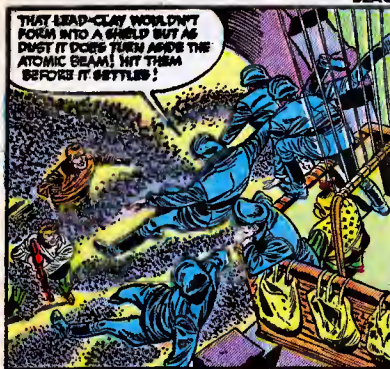


WHAT TH...? I'LL WIPE THEM OUT BEFORE THEY CAN PULL TRICKS!



YIIIIII! THAT BLACK DUST REFLECTS THE ATOMIC BEAM! IT'S LEAD CLAY DUST! THE STUFF MY LABORATORY CUPS ARE MADE OF!



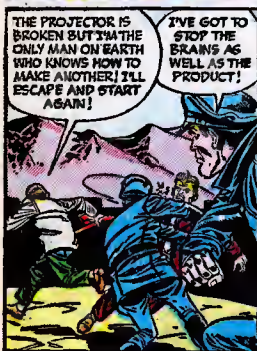


THAT LEAD-CLAY WOULDN'T FORM INTO A SHIELD BUT AS DUST IT DOES TURN AROUND THE ATOMIC BEAM! HIT THEM BEFORE IT SETTLES!



YOU'RE THE BABY I WANT TO NAIL!

YOU'LL NEVER GET... OWOOOFF!



THE PROJECTOR IS BROKEN BUT I'M THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH WHO KNOWS HOW TO MAKE ANOTHER! I'LL ESCAPE AND START AGAIN!

I'VE GOT TO STOP THE BRAINS AS WELL AS THE PRODUCT!



NEXT TIME I'LL MAKE SURE THE BLACKHAWKS ARE DESTROYED FIRST!

THERE WON'T BE ANY NEXT TIME!



HERE'S MY PROOF!

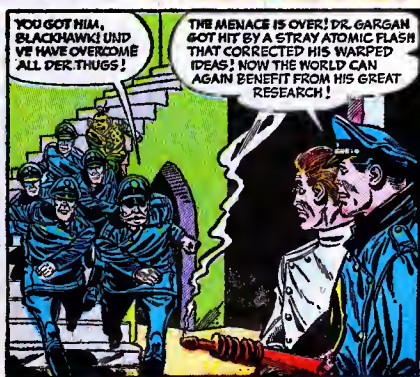
DON'T... OWOOOFF!

KA-BLAM!



WHA... WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR EXPERIMENT? DID WE CREATE THE SUPER-ATOMIC ELEMENT WE WERE PLANNING?

YOU DID DR. GARGAN, WITH A FEW SLIGHT HITCHES! NOW THE WORLD CAN USE IT TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER, HAPPIER CIVILIZATION!



YOU GOT HIM, BLACKHAWK! WE'VE HAD OVERCOME ALL DER THUGS!

THE MENACE IS OVER! DR. GARGAN GOT HIT BY A STRAY ATOMIC FLASH THAT CORRECTED HIS WARPED IDEAS! NOW THE WORLD CAN AGAIN BENEFIT FROM HIS GREAT RESEARCH!

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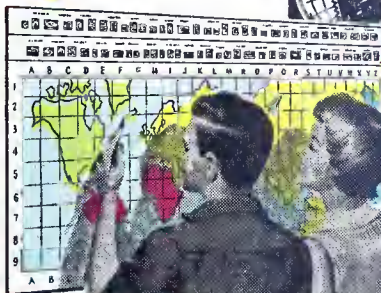
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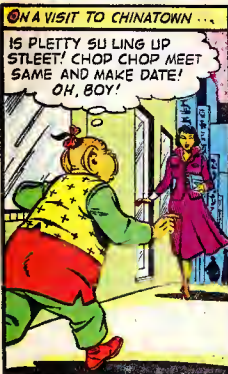
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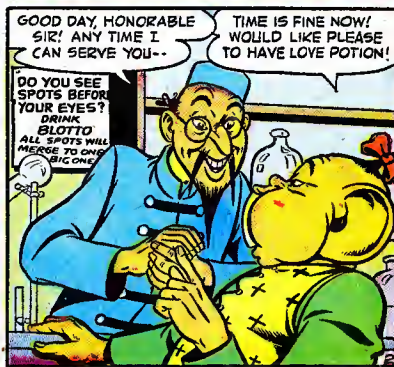
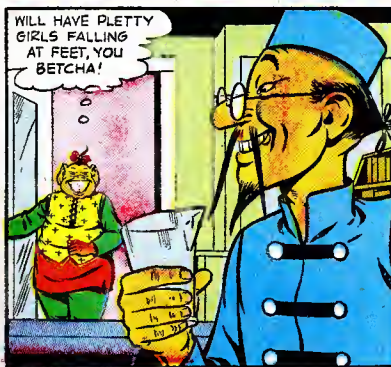
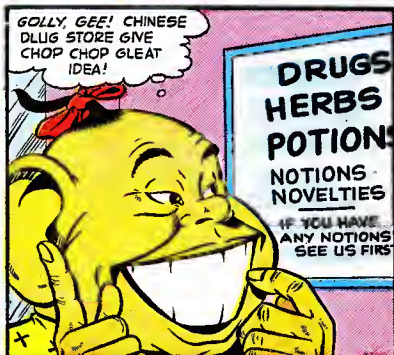
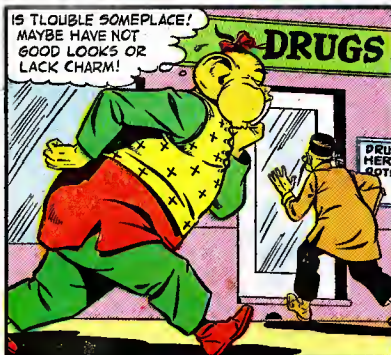
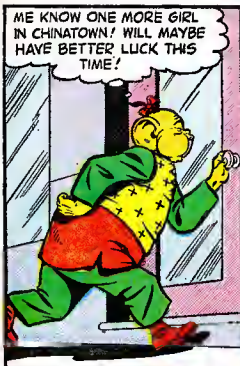
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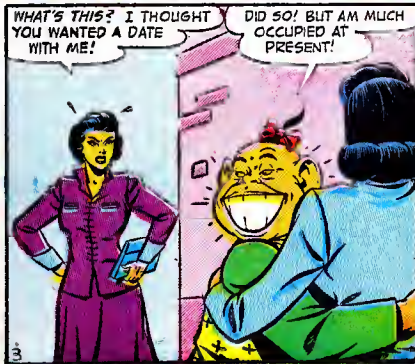
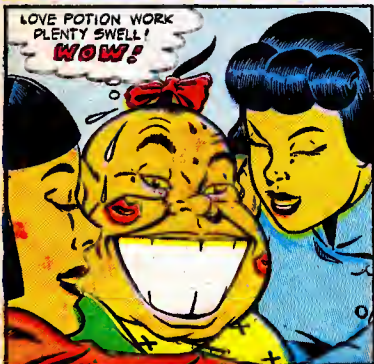
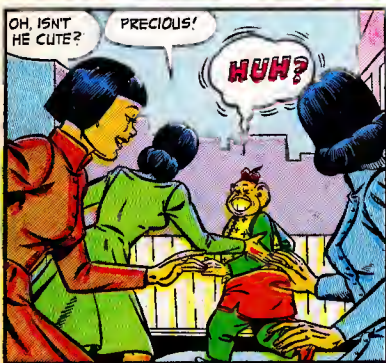
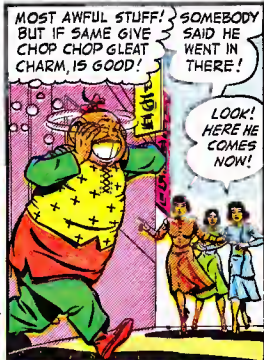
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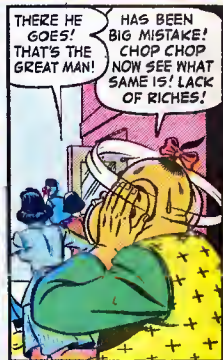
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BLACKHAWK



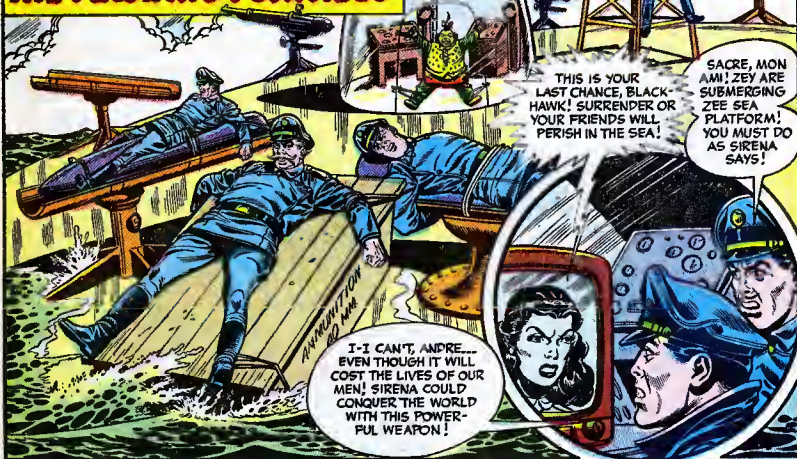




BLACKHAWK

THERE SEEMED NO HOPE FOR THE FREE WORLD! ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS EVER DEVELOPED BY MANKIND HAD FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE FIENDISH COMMUNIST VILLAINESS, SIRENA! AND THIS TIME EVEN THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWKS SEEMED HELPLESS TO STAVE OFF THE RED TIDE OF VICTORY BECAUSE THEY THEMSELVES WERE THE CREATORS OF...

THE FLOATING FORTRESS



THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, BLACKHAWK! SURRENDER OR YOUR FRIENDS WILL PERISH IN THE SEA!

SACRE, MON AMI! ZEY ARE SUBMERGING ZEE SEA PLATFORM! YOU MUST DO AS SIRENA SAYS!

I-I CAN'T, ANDRE... EVEN THOUGH IT WILL COST THE LIVES OF OUR MEN! SIRENA COULD CONQUER THE WORLD WITH THIS POWERFUL WEAPON!

THE WORLD WAS STUNNED! FOR SIX WEEKS... 42 LONG DAYS, FREIGHTERS HAD VANISHED UNDER A PALL OF MYSTERY IN THE MID-ATLANTIC!

SIX MORE VESSELS FAIL TO REACH ENGLISH PORTS WITH VALUABLE CARGOS! EXTRA! EXTRA!

ASTONISHING! WHERE COULD THEY DISAPPEAR TO?

IT'S HAPPENING SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC! THE DOCKS OF LONDON ARE EMPTY ALSO!

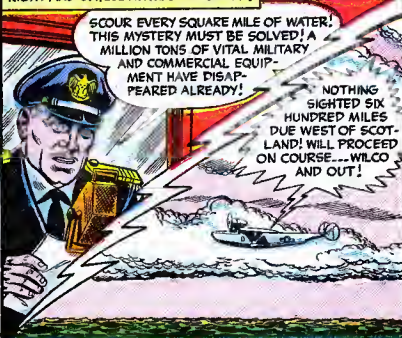
MORE SHIPS DISAPPEAR!



ACROSS THE BROAD ATLANTIC NAVY PATROL PLANES SEARCH NIGHT AND DAY... WITHOUT RESULTS!

SCOUR EVERY SQUARE MILE OF WATER! THIS MYSTERY MUST BE SOLVED! A MILLION TONS OF VITAL MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT HAVE DISAPPEARED ALREADY!

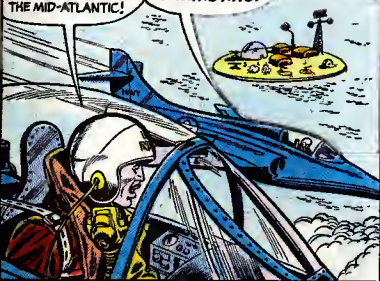
NOTHING SIGHTED SIX HUNDRED MILES DUE WEST OF SCOTLAND! WILL PROCEED ON COURSE... WILCO AND OUT!



FINALLY TWO PATROL PILOTS DO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE UNKNOWN TERROR 1,000 MILES AT SEA!

SUFFERING SUNFISH! LOOK DOWN BELOW! A CRAZY ISLAND IN THE MID-ATLANTIC!

GREAT CAESAR! IT APPEARS TO BE...MOVING!



AND LATER THE FAMED BLACKHAWKS LISTEN GRIMLY AS THE WORLD IS SHAKEN BY THIS LATEST NEWS!

...THE BLASTED WRECKAGE OF THE TWO PLANES WAS FOUND FLOATING IN THE SEA BY A NAVY FLYING BOAT! THE AIRMEN TOLD THEIR RESCUERS THAT A FIERY OBJECT DOWNED THEM!

SACRE BLEU! EET IS TERRIBLE!

JA! IF THERE WAS ONLY SOMETHING WE COULD DO!



GOSH, BLACKHAWK, WE'VE SPENT WEEKS FLYING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT SIGHTING ANYTHING! WHAT CAN WE DO?

CHUCK... MEN, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! OBVIOUSLY THIS THING OF TERROR SEEKS ONLY FREIGHTERS WITH THEIR SUPPLIES AND DOWNS ONLY THOSE WHO MIGHT DISCOVER IT! WE ARE GOING TO NAVIGATE A FREIGHTER!

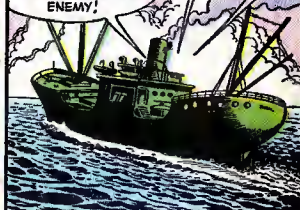


THE NEXT DAY AS THE BLACKHAWKS, IN SEAFARING GARB, NAVIGATE A FREIGHTER INTO THE ATLANTIC!

WELL, MEN, THIS IS IT! FROM HERE ON IN WE'RE GOING TO DUPLICATE THE ACTUAL VOYAGE OF A FREIGHTER! WE'RE GOING TO BAIT THE ENEMY!

WE WILL FIND IT!

VOILA! I WHEEL TAKE ZE WHEEL FIRST!



AS THE FREIGHTER PLOWS THROUGH THE SEA ON AN EAST-ERLY COURSE A STRANGE SOUND SUDDENLY FILLS THE AIR!

H-MM...I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE! WONDER WHAT IT COULD BE, ANDRE?

MON AMI...ZE WHEEL DOES NOT RESPOND! I AM LOSING CONTROL OF ZE SHIP!



THAT SOUND...IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS! I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, ANDRE!

EET EES NO USE, BLACKHAWK, ZE WHEEL IS LOCKED ON COURSE!

D-DONNER-WETTER! BLACKHAWK, COME QUICKLY!



AS THE STUNNED BLACKHAWKS LOOK AHEAD...

IT BAN A FLOATING PLATFORM IN THE WATER!

A SEA PLATFORM!

MON DIEU! ZERE EES SOMETHING ABOUT ZE OUT-LINES OF IT I HAVE SEEN BEFORE!



BLACKHAWK

OF COURSE WE HAVE, ANDRE! THAT'S THE SEA PLATFORM WE DESIGNED AND LOST THE PLANS TO MONTHS AGO! SOMEBODY MUST HAVE FOUND THEM!



ACH DU LIEBER! A BOAT 155 SPEEDING TOWARD US!

WE'VE RUN HEAD ON INTO THE MYSTERY OF THE ATLANTIC! LET'S GO, MEN, IT'S TIME FOR BLACKHAWK ACTION!



SOON A STRANGE CRAFT WITH A STARTLING COMMANDER RAMS AGAINST THE FREIGHTER!

YES, SIRENA!

BOARD AND CAPTURE THE CREW! HURRY! WE HAVE MANY VESSELS TO PLUNDER TODAY FOR THE GREAT COMMUNIST CAUSE!

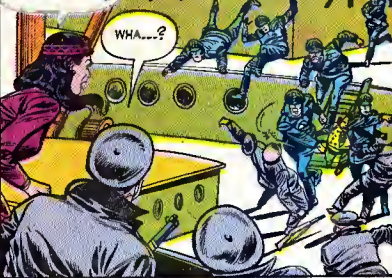


SUDDENLY SIRENA, PIRATE OF THE ATLANTIC, STARES IN BEWILDERMENT AS...

B-BLACKHAWKS! HOW CAN IT BE?

HAWK A A

WHA...?



SIRENA! WE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE BLACKHAWKS! OH-H!

SIRENA! SO YOU'RE BOSS OF THIS BAND OF CUT-THROATS, EH!

REINFORCEMENTS! SIGNAL FOR ALL AVAILABLE, MEN! IT'S THE BLACK-HAWKS! THEY HAVE TRIED TO TRICK US!



WITHIN MINUTES A JET PROPELLED CRAFT RUSHES SIRENA'S TROOPS TO THE VESSEL AND...

SACRE BLEU! ZE FEMALE WITCH HAS HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS!

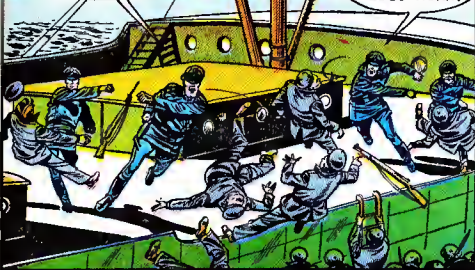
BRACE YOURSELVES, MEN! WE'VE GOT AN UPHILL BATTLE ON OUR HANDS!



THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWKS BATTLE BRAVELY AS REINFORCEMENTS STORM THE TRANSPORTS!

PY YIMINY! I CAN TAKE CARE OF THREE AT ONCE, BLACKHAWK!

THAT'S A GOOD AVERAGE IN ANY LEAGUE, OLAF! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



TIME AND TIME AGAIN THE ENEMY IS REPELLED BUT THEIR OVERWHELMING NUMBERS PROVE TOO MUCH FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS... THEY FIND THEMSELVES AT BAY!

SURRENDER AT ONCE...OR FACE COMPLETE ANNIHILATION, BLACKHAWK! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!

SHE'S RIGHT, MEN! HER CREW HAVE US COMPLETELY SURROUNDED! IT WOULD BE SUICIDE TO FIGHT ON!



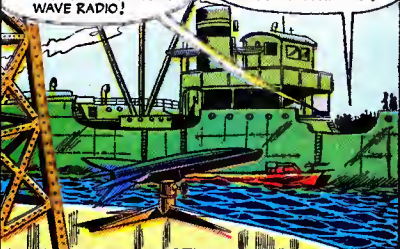
YOU WIN THIS ROUND, SIRENA! YOUR NAME CERTAINLY BEFITS YOU! LIKE THE SIRENS OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY YOU LURE SHIPS TO DISASTER!

WITH ONE EXCEPTION, BLACKHAWK! I HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF MODERN SCIENCE TO ACCOMPLISH MY PURPOSE!



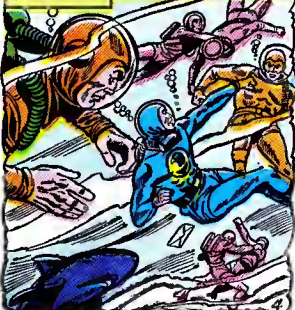
THAT UNIQUE DEVICE ATOP OUR SUPER RADAR STATION IS CAPABLE OF MAGNETIZING SHIP'S WITHIN A HUNDRED MILE RADIUS OF THE SEA PLATFORM! AT THE SAME TIME IT SILENCES SHORT-WAVE RADIO!

SACRE! AND WHEN ZE TRANSPORTS ARRIVE HERE YOU SEIZE THEM! BUT TELL ME, VILLAINOUS ONE, ZE PLANS FOR OUR SEA PLATFORM... HOW DID ZEY FALL INTO YOUR HANDS?

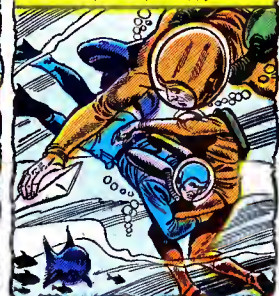


QUITE BY ACCIDENT! IT HAPPENED DURING YOUR CONFLICT WITH OUR GREAT COMMUNIST COMRADE, ADMIRAL EEL! HE HAD JUST DISPATCHED A FLIGHT OF HIS HUMAN TORPEDOES TOWARD A FREE WORLD HARBOR....

...WHEN YOU BLACKHAWKS INTERCEPTED THEM AND DID BATTLE BENEATH THE SURFACE...



...AN ALERT WATER-TROOPER SAW AN ENVELOPE SLIPPING FROM BLACKHAWK'S POCKET DURING THE ENCOUNTER AND ACTED IMMEDIATELY...

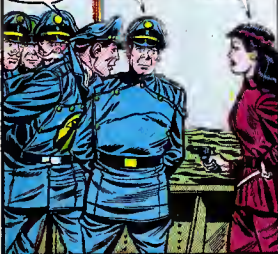


BLACKHAWK

SO THAT'S WHERE I LOST THEM! I-I GUESS THIS IS ALL MY FAULT, MEN...

TAKE IT EASY, BLACKHAWK! YOU COULDN'T HELP WHAT HAPPENED!

OF COURSE NOT! BESIDES, YOUR LOSS IS OUR GAIN, EH, BLACKHAWK!



BY UTILIZING THE BLACKHAWK SEA PLATFORM WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE COUNTLESS FREE WORLD TRANSPORTS AND TONS OF SUPPLIES...

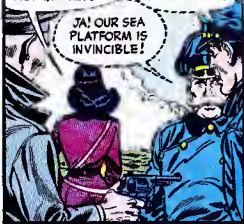
Y-YOUR HIGHNESS! OUR RADAR STATION REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT APPROACHING!



WITHOUT DOUBT THEY ARE FREE WORLD PLANES! AND HOW WILL THE CUNNING SHE-DEVIL COPE WITH AN AIR ASSAULT?

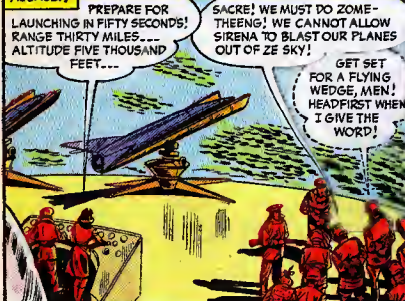
YOU BLACKHAWKS HAVE GIVEN US THE ANSWER, IMPERTINENT ONE! WE SHALL EMPLOY YOUR CLEVERLY DEvised BK INTERCEPTOR ROCKETS! GUARDS, BRING THE PRISONERS TO THE PLATFORM! WE MUST ACT QUICKLY!

GREAT THUNDER... THE PLANES HAVEN'T A CHANCE! SIRENA'S UTILIZING OUR SUPER WEAPONS AGAINST THEM!



JA! OUR SEA PLATFORM IS INVINCIBLE!

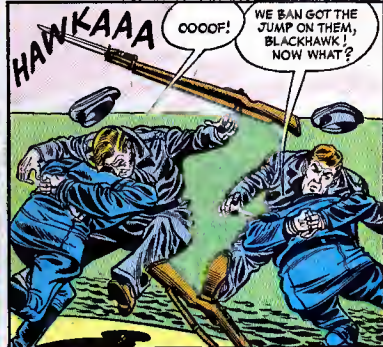
ON THE INCREDIBLE SEA PLATFORM THE BLACKHAWKS STAND HELPLESSLY BY AS SIRENA PERSONALLY SUPERVISES THE ROCKET ASSAULT!



PREPARE FOR LAUNCHING IN FIFTY SECONDS! RANGE THIRTY MILES... ALTITUDE FIVE THOUSAND FEET...

SACRE! WE MUST DO SOMETHING! WE CANNOT ALLOW SIRENA TO BLAST OUR PLANES OUT OF ZE SKY!

GET SET FOR A FLYING WEDGE, MEN! HEADFIRST WHEN I GIVE THE WORD!



HAWKAAA

OOOOF!

WE BANG GOT THE JUMP ON THEM, BLACKHAWK! NOW WHAT?

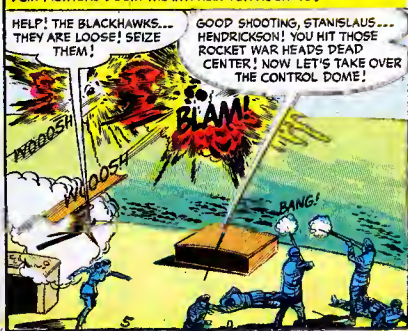
CUT THE ROPE BINDING OUR HANDS WITH ONE OF THOSE RIFLE BAYONETS! AND HURRY, BEFORE THE SHOCK WEARS OFF!

THIS WE WILL DO QUICKLY! HOW IS IT COMING, HENDRICKSON?

I GIVE IT GOOT TRY, STANISLAUS!

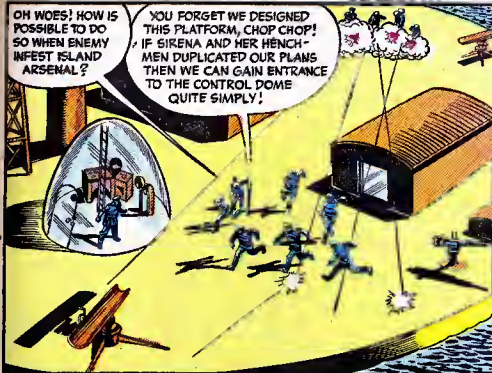


FREEING THEMSELVES WITH GREAT RAPIDITY THE FAMED FREE-DOM FIGHTERS DOOM THE INTERCEPTOR ROCKETS!



HELP! THE BLACKHAWKS... THEY ARE LOOSE! SEIZE THEM!

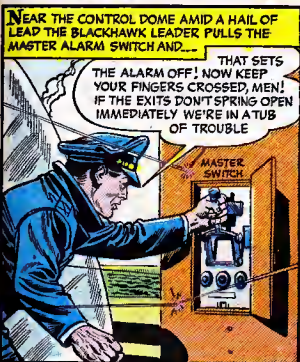
GOOD SHOOTING, STANISLAUS... HENDRICKSON! YOU HIT THOSE ROCKET WAR HEADS DEAD CENTER! NOW LET'S TAKE OVER THE CONTROL DOME!



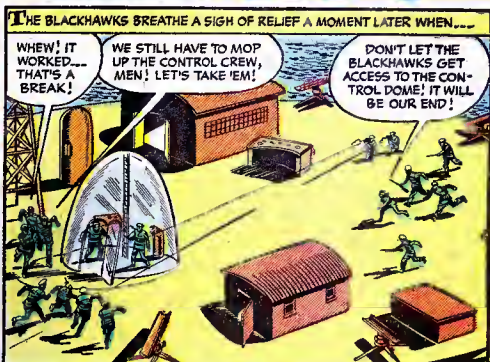
YOU FORGET WE DESIGNED THIS PLATFORM, CHOP CHOP! IF SIRENA AND HER HENCHMEN DUPLICATED OUR PLANS THEN WE CAN GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CONTROL DOME QUITE SIMPLY!



EXACTLY, ANDRE! WE PLANNED TO BUILD IT INTO THE PLATFORM AS AN EMERGENCY PRECAUTION AGAINST FIRE! LET'S HOPE SIRENA FOLLOWED OUR PLANS TO THE LETTER!



THAT SETS THE ALARM OFF! NOW KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED, MEN! IF THE EXITS DON'T SPRING OPEN IMMEDIATELY WE'RE IN A TUB OF TROUBLE



WHEW! IT WORKED... THAT'S A BREAK!

WE STILL HAVE TO MOP UP THE CONTROL CREW, MEN! LET'S TAKE 'EM!

DON'T LET THE BLACKHAWKS GET ACCESS TO THE CONTROL DOME! IT WILL BE OUR END!



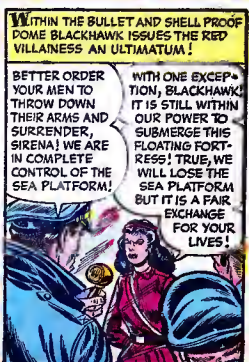
HAWK A A A!



WITH LIGHTNING-LIKE SPEED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DISPOSE OF SIRENA'S CREWMEN!

HA, HA... WE HAVE TAKEN POSSESSION OF ZEE CONTROL DOME! SIRENA AND HER MEN ARE HELPLESS NOW!

YES, ANDRE! IF SIRENA HADN'T DUPLICATED OUR PLANS TO PERFECTION WE NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OVER! CHOP CHOP, LOCK THE DOOR MANUALLY SO THEY CAN'T OPEN IT WITH THE MASTER ALARM!



WITHIN THE BULLET AND SHELL PROOF DOME BLACKHAWK ISSUES THE RED VILLAINESS AN ULTIMATUM!

BETTER ORDER YOUR MEN TO THROW DOWN THEIR ARMS AND SURRENDER, SIRENA! WE ARE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE SEA PLATFORM!

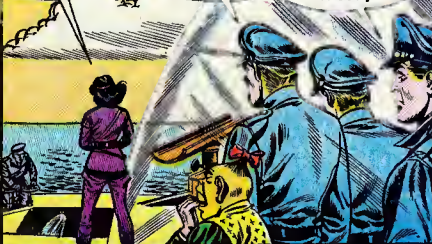
WITH ONE EXCEPTION, BLACKHAWK! IT IS STILL WITHIN OUR POWER TO SUBMERGE THIS FLOATING FORTRESS! TRUE, WE WILL LOSE THE SEA PLATFORM BUT IT IS A FAIR EXCHANGE FOR YOUR LIVES!

THE BLACKHAWKS CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE THEIR EYES AS SIRENA CARRIES OUT HER THREAT!

OPEN ALL BALLASTS TO FULL CAPACITY! WE'LL SINK OURSELVES AND THE BLACKHAWKS WITH US!

YUMPIN' YIMINY! DO YOU BAN THINK SIRENA IS BLUFFING, BLACKHAWK?

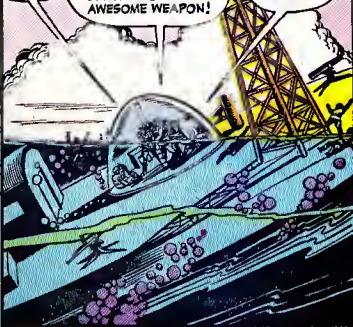
IF SHE IS WE LOSE NOTHING... BUT IF SHE ISN'T IT WILL COST US OUR LIVES! WELL, LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON IT, MEN! DO WE STICK IT OUT?



JA! VE STICK!

IT IS BETTER TO DIE THAN TO LET SIRENA HAVE CONTROL OF THIS AWESOME WEAPON!

SACRE! THIS EES OUR END!



DOWN...DOWN PLUMMETS THE SEA PLATFORM TO THE OCEAN FLOOR WHERE THE BLACKHAWKS SWEAT OUT THEIR FINAL HOURS! SIRENA WASN'T BLUFFING.

THERE IS NO HOPE FOR ESCAPE! THE PRESSURE AT THIS DEPTH WOULD CRUSH US LIKE EGG SHELLS IF WE ATTEMPTED TO SURFACE!

MANY WOES! CHOP CHOP WISH HE COULD BECOME BOTTLE CORK AND BOB TO SURFACE!

WHA? CHOP CHOP'S JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA! THERE'S A CHANCE IT MIGHT WORK... AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THEN JUST SITTING HERE WAITING TO DIE! GET THE TOOLS FROM THE KIT, MEN!



BLACKHAWK ISSUES ORDERS WHICH SET HIS MEN FEVERISHLY TO WORK!

I THEENK I UNDERSTAND, BLACKHAWK! IF WE CAN FREE ZE DOME FROM ZEE SEA PLATFORM ZE AIR PRESSURE WILL BRIG THE STRUCTURE TO THE SURFACE AND ZE AIR WITHIN WILL KEEP THE WATER OUT!

RIGHT, ANDRE! AND WE'LL GO ALONG FOR THE RIDE! IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS SUBMERGING A GLASS UPSIDE DOWN IN THE WATER! IF YOU RELEASE IT THE GLASS WILL BOB TO THE SURFACE!



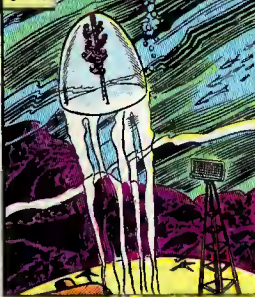
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE REWARDED FOR THEIR WORK AND INGENUITY! AS THE DOME TEARS LOOSE FROM ITS FOUNDATION...

SHE'S GIVING... THE AIR PRESSURE WITHIN THE DOME IS PRYING IT LOOSE! GRAB ONTO THOSE LADDER RUNGS! WE'RE SURFACE BOUND!

VE HOPE!



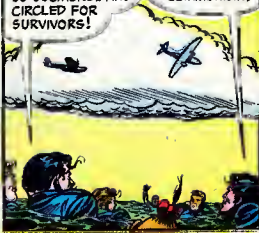
THE FANTASTIC HAPPENS...THE FAMED FREEDOM FIGHTERS ASCEND TO THE SURFACE IN THEIR MAKE-SHIFT SAFETY BELL.



AS THE BLACKHAWKS BOB TO THE SURFACE!

VOILA! ZE PLANES THAT WERE APPROACHING ZE PLATFORM WHEN WE BROKE OUR BONDS! ZEY MUST'VE SEEN US SUBMERGE AND CIRCLED FOR SURVIVORS!

YES... WE'RE SAVED! AND SIRENA SACRIFICED HERSELF TO HER FANATICAL BELIEF IN COMMUNISM!



Origin of the BLACKHAWKS



When Hitler's hordes poured into defenseless Poland on September 1, 1939 a young American called Blackhawk by his companions was a voluntary flyer in the Polish Air Force. His side-kick in the same squadron was a brilliant young student from the University of

Warsaw named Stanislaus.

The small but valiant Polish army was soon defeated and Blackhawk attempted an escape to Russia. Much to his surprise he found the Reds were moving to eastern Poland so Blackhawk sought refuge in England.

While attempting to join the R.A.F. Blackhawk met Chuck, another American who was also volunteering his services. Soon they were joined by Hendrikson who had recently escaped from a Nazi concentration camp. Olaf who although a Swede had fought for Finland during the first



Red invasion and Andre, the valiant Frenchman. One evening they were seated in their quarters outside of London when in stepped Stanislaus. Blackhawk leaped to his feet to greet his old comrade in arms and joyfully introduced him to Chuck, Andre, Olaf and

Hendrikson.

Month after month the six flyers waited to enlist in the R.A.F. Because none of them were British subjects they were held up by miles of red tape. Finally Blackhawk said, "Fellows, we have waited for six months and don't seem to be any closer to getting in the R.A.F. than we did when we all arrived in Eng-



land. I say let's strike out on our own."

Chuck, Andre, Olaf, Hendrikson and Stanislaus enthusiastically voiced their approval. And then Chuck shouted "Let's take our name from our leader and be known as the BLACK-HAWKS."

The six valiant warriors pooled their resources and bought six planes in a neutral country. Here they were joined by Chop Chop who had fled from China when the Japanese overpowered the Nationalist army. At first Chop Chop only acted as the cook but he finally prevailed on Blackhawk to permit him to ride in his plane on dangerous missions. Today Chop Chop is a first class pilot and a full member of the Blackhawk team.

Originally the Blackhawk base of operations was a small island in the Atlantic Ocean. After fighting long and hard to help bring about the defeat of Hitler, the Blackhawks set up their base in the Pacific to help in the battle against the Japs. This is the present Blackhawk Island which has been their headquarters and home for over six years.

At the end of the Japanese war the Blackhawks' thoughts were on their homelands. However, Blackhawk urged them to stay as a fighting team saying "Freedom for many people is a long way off. As long as there are men who wish to be tyrants our job isn't finished. If we have helped bring peace and freedom to the world we can't quit when our task is only half done. Let's finish our job."

The gang saw the wisdom of his words and decided to continue to fight oppression.



BLACKHAWK

SACRE, BLACKHAWK!
I HOPE OUR CRUDE
MACHINE GUN WEEL
WORK! IF EET DOES
NOT, ZE HESSIANS
WEEL DEFEAT ZE
COLONIAL ARMY!

HURRY, MEN! GET THAT
GUN OPERATING! THE
HESSIANS MAY BE
SHOOTING LEAD BALLS
INSTEAD OF BULLETS
BUT THEY'RE JUST AS
DEADLY!

IT WAS LIKE A NIGHTMARE! THROUGH A FANTASTIC PHENOMENON THE BEWILDERED BLACKHAWKS FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE MIDST OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION! THREE THOUSAND HESSIAN TROOPS WERE ABOUT TO BATTER A SMALL COLONIAL FORCE NEAR FORT TICONDEROGA AND IT WAS SQUARELY UP TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO TURN THE TIDE! AS THEY WERE LOCKED IN BATTLE IT SEEMED LIKE THE FAMOUS FLYING SEVEN WOULD NEVER SURVIVE...

BREAKING THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER



BLACKHAWK ISLAND IS TENSE AS PREPARATIONS ARE MADE TO LAUNCH THE MOST MOMENTOUS ROCKET FLIGHT IN HISTORY!

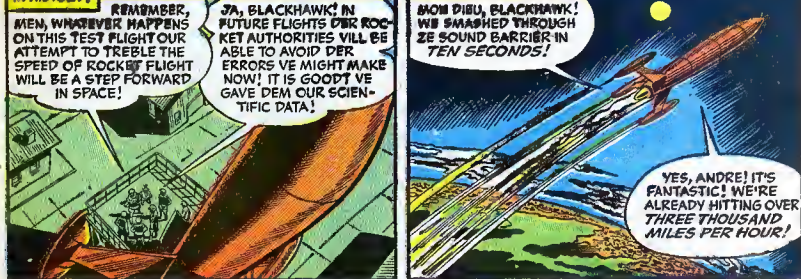
REMEMBER, MEN, WHATEVER HAPPENS ON THIS TEST FLIGHT OUR ATTEMPT TO TREBLE THE SPEED OF ROCKET FLIGHT WILL BE A STEP FORWARD IN SPACE!

JA, BLACKHAWK! IN FUTURE FLIGHTS DER ROCKET AUTHORITIES VILL BE ABLE TO AVOID DER ERRORS VE MIGHT MAKE NOW! IT IS GOODT VE GAVE DEM OUR SCIENTIFIC DATA!

THE ROCKET FUEL IGNITES... THE BLACKHAWKS ARE HURLED INTO SPACE!

MON DIEU, BLACKHAWK! WE SMASHED THROUGH ZE SOUND BARRIER IN TEN SECONDS!

YES, ANDRE! IT'S FANTASTIC! WE'RE ALREADY HITTING OVER THREE THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR!



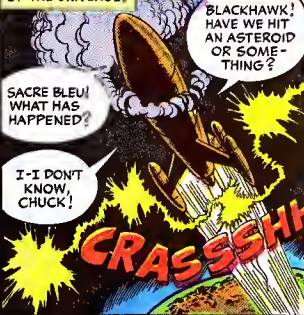
SPLIT SECONDS LATER!

G-GOOD GRIEF! WE'VE SURPASSED THE SPEED MARK WE WERE STRIVING FOR! B-BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG! WE'RE EATING UP FUEL TOO QUICKLY!

ACH! VE BETTER SLOW DER SHIP DOWN! VE ARE GOING FASTER DEN DER DIAL VILL REGISTER!



THE FLASH OF A THOUSAND LIGHTNING BOLTS SEEMS TO PIERCE THE AIRLESS VOID OF THE UNIVERSE!



SACRE BLEU! WHAT HAS HAPPENED!

I-I DON'T KNOW, CHUCK!

BLACKHAWK! HAVE WE HIT AN ASTEROID OR SOMETHING?

THE BLACKHAWKS LOSE CONTROL OF THEIR SENSES! THEY CAREEN HELPLESSLY THROUGH THE VAST REACHES OF SPACE...DOWN, DOWN...

OH, WOBBLY WOES! HOW CAN BLACKHAWKS BE BREATHING OUT IN SPACE?

YAH, CHOP CHOP... I-I BAN THINK WE BE DEAD!

S-STEADY, MEN! W-WERE ALIVE... I THINK...



LOOK! THERE'S OUR ROCKET! WE MUST HAVE BEEN TOSSED OUT THROUGH THE DOOR! B-BUT IT ISN'T EVEN DAMAGED AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BACK ON EARTH!

PONNERWETTER! I-I CANNOT BELIEVE MY EYES! BLACKHAWK! QUICK! QUICK! VE ARE BEING ATTACKED B-BY SOLDIERS DRESSED LIKE DER HESSIANS WHO FOUGHT FOR THE ENGLISH SIDE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION!



STUNNED BEYOND BELIEF THE BLACKHAWKS SURGE INTO BATTLE AGAINST THE STRANGEST Foe OF THEIR FAMED CAREERS!



I-I BAN THINK WE HAVE GONE CRAZY!

DON'T CRACK, OLAF! WHATEVER'S HAPPENED THESE BOYS ARE NO DREAM... THEY'RE PLAYING FOR REAL!

ACH! OOMPH!

JA, HIS VOICE ISS GERMAN ALL RIGHT... BUT DISS PLACE ISS NOT GERMAN OR I VOULD KNOW IT!



WHEN THE BIZZARE ENEMY HAS BEEN SUBDUED!

W-WHAT CAN IT MEAN, BLACKHAWK? ATTACKED BY HESSIANS FROM YESTER-YEAR?

OUI! AND WHERE EES THEES PLACE?

KEEP CALM, MEN... IT WILL TAKE COOL HEADS TO FIGURE THIS OUT! CHOP CHOP, TIE UP THOSE SOLDIERS... WE'VE GOT SOME RECONNOIT-ERING TO DO!



ANDRE! YOU, CHUCK AND STANISLAUS CLIMBS THAT HILL AND LOOK THE COUNTRY-SIDE OVER! THE REST OF US WILL PROBE TO THE RIGHT AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND! KEEP IN TOUCH BY BELT RADIOS!

OUI, MON AMI!



CAUTIOUSLY, BLACKHAWK LEADS HIS MEN SEVERAL MILES THROUGH THE WOODS! THEN....

PY YMINY! IT BAN AN OLD FORT!

A-A REVOLUTIONARY WAR FORT, OLAF! GREAT BLAZING JETS!



AS BLACKHAWK'S BELT RADIO SOUNDS!

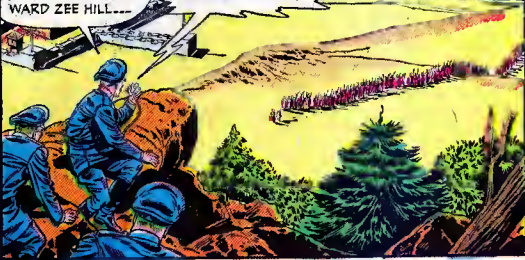
BEEP BEEP BLACKHAWK! BLACKHAWK!

YES, YES, ANDRE! WHAT DO YOU SEE FROM THE HILL TOP?



I-IN YOUR DIRECTION ZERE EES A FORT, BLACKHAWK.... BUT EEN ZE OTHER DIRECTION AN ARMY OF BRITISH REDCOATS EES MARCHING TO-WARD ZEE HILL....

BRITISH REDCOATS... A-AND A REVOLUTIONARY WAR FORT! GREAT SCOTT! ANDRE! GET DOWN HERE AT ONCE! I...THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER TO OUR SITUATION!



AS THE BLACKHAWKS ARE UNITED!

MEN, OUR ROCKET HAS PROPELLED US THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER! WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR'S SARATOGA CAMPAIGN! THAT WAS FORT TICONDEROGA! WE'RE IN THE YEAR 1777!

MON DIEU! HOW CAN YOU BE SURE OF THEES FANTASTIC THEENG, BLACKHAWK? BROKEN THROUGH ZE TIME BARRIER ---SACRE!



I'VE MADE AN HISTORICAL STUDY OF THE CAMPAIGN! IT HAS TO BE! IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT DOES MAKE SENSE! THERE WAS A STEEP MOUNTAIN CALLED MT. DEFIANCE NEAR THE FORT...LOOK...I'LL DRAW A MAP!



ON JULY 5, 1777, THE BRITISH GENERAL FRASER WITH THREE THOUSAND HESSIAN SOLDIERS UNDER BARON RIEDESEL, CLIMBED MT. DEFIANCE AND FORCED AMERICAN GENERAL ST. CLAIR TO RETREAT! THEN... WHA...?

LOOK OUT! WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED BY SOLDIERS!



HESSIAN SPIES...
IN STRANGE
COSTUMES!
SHOOT THEM
DOWN!

GREAT THUNDER!
THE COLONIAL
FORCES THINK WE'RE
SPIES! TRY TO DIS-
ARM THEM, MEN! WE
MUSTN'T INJURE
THEM!



QUICKLY THE BLACKHAWKS MOVE
INTO ACTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO
DISARM THE AMERICAN TROOPS!

WE'RE NOT SPIES...
WE'RE FRIENDS!



AS THE FAMED FREEDOM FIGHTERS
FOLLOW UP THEIR ADVANTAGE!

YOU MUST TAKE US
TO GENERAL ST. CLAIR
IN FORT TICONDEROGA!
WE CAN HELP YOU! THE
BRITISH ARE PLANNING
AN ATTACK!

Y-YOU MUST
BE MAD-
MEN! STOP!
STOP! I
WILL TAKE
YOU TO THE
GENERAL!



I TELL YOU, GENERAL,
I KNOW... THE BRITISH
WILL MOUNT THEIR
CANNON ATOP MT.
DEFIANCE AND DRIVE
YOU FROM THE FORT!
LEAVE NOW AND GAIN
TIME TO ESCAPE!

PREPOSTEROUS! NO ARMY
COULD GET CANNON ATOP THAT
STEEP MOUNTAIN! MY SCOUTS
HAVE ALREADY INFORMED ME
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE!
HOW DARE THE BRITISH AT-
TEMPT TO DRIVE ME FROM MY
FORT WITH SUCH A FOOL'S
TRICK AS YOU SUGGEST!



I KNOW! THAT WAS
THE MILITARY ERROR!
YOUR SCOUTS WERE
WRONG! THE BRITISH
HOISTED THEIR CANNON
THERE WITH PULLEYS
AND...

PUT THESE
TRICKSTERS IN
THE STOCKADE!

SACRE BLEU!
EET EES HOPE-
LESS, BLACK-
HAWK! WE
MUST ESCAPE...



QUICKLY THE BLACKHAWKS RACE TO AVOID CAPTURE!

THAT WAGON BY THE WALL ---
MAKE FOR IT, MEN! GOOD
GRIEF! WE'VE GOT TO HELP
THEM IN SPITE OF THEM-
SELVES!

ACH! HOW CAN VE TELL
DEM VE ARE FROM
ANOTHER CENTURY
AHEAD!



UNDER A HAIL OF FIRE THEY BREAK FROM FAMOUS
FORT TICONDEROGA!

STOP THEM! THEY
HAVE TRIED TO MAKE
A FOOL OF ME!



BLACKHAWK

AFTERWARD THE BLACKHAWKS GRIMLY DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEM!

IS SLOTTY STATE OF EVENTS... BLACK-HAWKS HATED BY BOTH SIDES!

BLACKHAWK, IF GENERAL BURGOPYNE'S FORCES ARE GOING TO FIRE FROM MT. DEFINANCE ZEN WE SHOULD ATTACK ZEM ZERE!

NO, NO, ANDRE... IN HISTORY IT NEVER HAPPENS! GENERAL ST. CLAIR IS FORCED FROM THE FORT WHEN THE CANNON ARE ALMOST READY TO BLAST IT TO BITS! LET ME SEE NOW...



HUBBARDTON! THAT WAS IT... BARON RIEDESEL'S HESSIAN TROOPS PURSUED THE COLONIALS WHEN THEY RETREATED FROM THE FORT AND THE BIG BATTLE WAS HELD SOUTH OF HERE AT HUBBARDTON! THAT'S WHERE THEY NEED OUR HELP, MEN! LET'S GO!



HUBBARDTON... THE BLACKHAWKS PLAN THEIR DEFENSE TO HOLD BACK 3000 HESSIAN TROOPS FIGHTING FOR THE BRITISH! THEN...

THERE GO THE RETREATING COLONIAL TROOPS! GET SET, MEN! THE HESSIANS ARE HOT BEHIND THEM! READY WITH YOUR BELT RADIOS --- I'VE GOT MINE ON HIGH VOLUME!

OUI! PERHAPS ZEE MODERN INVENTION WHEEL HELP EVEN ZE ODDS AGAINST US!



MINUTES AFTERWARD AS THE HESSIAN TROOPS POUR DOWN THE ROAD!

BEWARE, HESSIANS! WE ARE AN INVISIBLE ARMY!

BEWARE, HESSIANS... INVISIBLE ARMY!

ACH! VOT ISS?



WILD CONFUSION FILLS THE HESSIAN RANKS AS THE VOICES FROM "NOWHERE" FILL THE AIR!

YOU ARE DOOMED! GO BACK... GO BACK!

YIHIII! W-WHERE DO DER VOICES COME FROM?

THAT DOES IT, BLACK-HAWK! THEY'LL NEVER BE ANY MORE CONFUSED THAN THAT! NOW'S OUR TIME TO MOVE IN!



BLACKHAWK FURY PILE DRIVES DOWN THE SLOPE HEAD-ON INTO THE BEWILDERED ENEMY!

THE CANNON, MEN! TRY TO SEIZE THEIR CANNON!

JA, BLACKHAWK! VE NEED MORE DEN TRICKS TO BEAT DIS MOB!

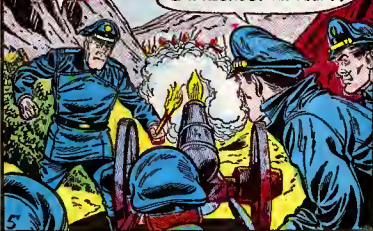
YAAAAAAA! PHANTOMS! P-PHANTOM SOLDIERS!



WIDE-EYED WITH FEAR THE HESSIAN TROOPS CRACK... UNDER A VOLLEY OF THEIR OWN CANNON THEY BREAK AND RUN!

WE BAN DRIVE DEM BACK BUT GOOD, BLACKHAWK!

THIS BATTALION, YES, OLAF... BUT IN HISTORY THE MAIN FORCE PURSUED THE COLONIALS FOR MILES! SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT TO DELAY THE HESSIAN ADVANCE UNTIL ST. CLAIR CAN REGROUP HIS ARMY!





OUI, BUT HOW, MON AMI? ZE HESSIANS NUMBER IN ZE THOUSANDS AND WE ARE ONLY SEVEN!

CHOP CHOP MAKE HUMBLE WISH FOR MODERN WEAPON OF WAR TO HALT ENEMY!

THAT'S IT, CHOP CHOP! WE'LL UTILIZE OUR SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE TO STALL THE HESSIANS! C'MON, MEN, WE'VE GOT TO FIND A BLACKSMITH SHOP... FAST!



THIS IDEA OF YOURS... IT IS FANTASTIC, BLACKHAWK! DO YOU THINK WE CAN DO IT?

WE MUST, STANISLAUS! IF WE DON'T STOP THE HESSIAN ADVANCE THE AMERICANS ARE DOOMED! HURRY, MEN! IF MY HISTORY SCHEDULE IS CORRECT THE ENEMY WILL PASS HERE IN FIVE HOURS!



OH, OH... HERE COMES BARON RIEDESEL WITH HIS TROOPS, BLACK-HAWK!

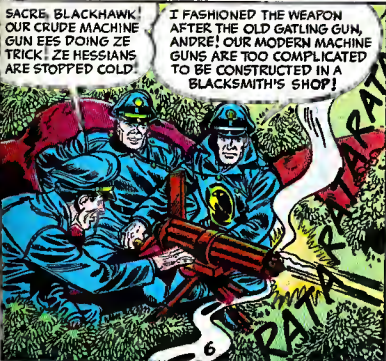
CONFOUND IT! A LITTLE MORE TIME AND WE COULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY FINISHED! WE'LL HAVE TO DO THE BEST WITH WHAT WE HAVE, MEN! TAKE YOUR STATIONS!

CLOSER... CLOSER MOVES THE HESSIAN MASS! THEN, AS THE ARMY PASSES BETWEEN TWO HILLS!



ACH! A COLONIAL AMBUSH! TAKE COVER!

THROW A WALL OF BULLETS IN THEIR PATH, MEN! OUR JOB IS TO STALL THE HESSIAN ADVANCE... NOT SMASH IT!



SACRE, BLACKHAWK! OUR CRUDE MACHINE GUN EES DOING ZE TRICK! ZE HESSIANS ARE STOPPED COLD!

I FASHIONED THE WEAPON AFTER THE OLD GATLING GUN, ANDRE! OUR MODERN MACHINE GUNS ARE TOO COMPLICATED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN A BLACKSMITH'S SHOP!



THE MURDEROUS VOLLEY STUNS THE HESSIAN COMMANDER!

THERE MUST BE OVER A THOUSAND MUSKETS IN THOSE HILLS!

JA! ST. CLAIR MUST HAVE RECEIVED REINFORCEMENTS FROM GENERAL WASHINGTON! PERHAPS WE CAN OUTFLANK DERE FORWARD LINE AND STRIKE AT THE COLONIST'S HEAD-QUARTERS FROM DER SIDE!

BLACKHAWK

RETREAT! WE CANNOT BREAK THROUGH DERE RANKS!

THAT DOES IT, BLACKHAWK! THE HESSIANS ARE PULLING OUT!

YES...BUT THEY ARE TO STRIKE ST. CLAIR FROM THE FLANK JUST AS HISTORY HAS IT! WE'VE GOT TO WARN THE COLONIALS IMMEDIATELY!

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HURRY TO THE AMERICAN LINES WHERE THEY ARE BROUGHT BEFORE GENERAL ST. CLAIR!

MY SCOUTS HAVE JUST REPORTED YOUR INCREDIBLE DELAYING ACTION AGAINST THE HESSIANS! FORGIVE ME FOR DIS-TRUSTING YOU BUT ONE MUST BE CAREFUL IN TIME OF WAR!

FORGET IT, SIR! I MUST WARN YOU THAT RIEDEL'S STRIKE AT YOUR FLANK IS IN JUST FORTY EIGHT HOURS!

WE'LL BE WAITING FOR THE GERMANS, STRANGER! THE TIME YOU HAVE GIVEN US HAS ALLOWED US TO BOLSTER OUR FORCES! IF THERE IS ANY WAY I CAN REPAY YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE...JUST SPEAK!

THERE IS A REQUEST I'D LIKE TO MAKE, SIR! IT MAY SOUND ODD TO YOU...BUT IF MY FRIENDS AND I ARE TO RETURN TO OUR...OUR HOMELAND IT IS NECESSARY!

BLACKHAWK'S REQUEST IS GRANTED BY THE GRATEFUL GENERAL...AND AMERICAN TROOPS FLOOD THE NEARBY WOODS!

THIS EES A NIGHT-MARE, BLACKHAWK! DO YOU THEENK IT POSSIBLE TO GET FUEL FOR OUR ROCKET FROM ZE TREES?

WE'LL PROCESS THE LIQUID TAPPED FROM THE TREES TO MAKE WOOD ALCOHOL, ANDRE! AFTER DISTILLING THE ALCOHOL WE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO JET US BACK TO THE FUTURE!

SLIPPING THROUGH THE HESSIAN LINES WITH THEIR PRECIOUS FUEL THE BLACK-HAWKS PREPARE TO EMBARK UPON THEIR FLIGHT BACK INTO THE FUTURE WHEN...

THE HESSIANS...THEY HAVE DISCOVERED US!

INTO THE ROCKET, MEN! THIS IS THE LAST BARREL OF FUEL...WE'LL BLAST OFF IMMEDIATELY!

BLAM! BLAM! POW!

THERE IS A THUNDEROUS ROAR...THE MIGHTY MISSILE ROCKETS SKYWARD!

GOSH, NOW I'M KINDA SORRY WE'RE LEAVING! I WONDER HOW GENERAL ST. CLAIR WILL MAKE OUT IN THE BATTLE WITH THE HESSIANS?

HISTORY CAN ANSWER THAT FOR YOU, CHUCK! ST. CLAIR AND HIS MEN WIPED OUT THE HESSIANS AND ROUTED THEIR ENTIRE ARMY! WE'RE HOMEWARD BOUND, MEN!

WITH EAR PIERCING SPEED THE ROCKET CRASHES THROUGH THE FANTASTIC TIME BARRIER!

BLACKHAWK ISLAND... DEAD AHEAD!

PAST OR PRESENT WE'RE ALWAYS THE TO ROUT THE TYRANT FROM HIS LAIR IN FREEDOM'S FIGHT WE LEAD THE SHOW, IN COMBAT OPPRESSION, DEFEAT THE FOE! WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!

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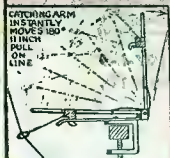
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